Pig Iron Stocks

1663. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total stock of pig iron lying with the public sector steel units till June, 1986 :

(b) the total production of pig iron public sector steel units during the year 1985 and the first half of the current year ; and

(c) the consumption of pig iron during the years 1984 and 1985, year wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) As on 1-7-1986 SAIL plants and Stockyards held a stock of approximately 119,500 tonnes of pig iron.

(b) Production of pig iron by the public sector steel plants during 1985-86 and 1986-87 (upto June, 1986) is as follows :—

('000' tonnes)

Year	Production
1985-86	1159
1986-87 (April-June, 86)	348·2

(c) During the years 1984-85 and 1985-86 the consumption of pig iron was as under :—

('000 tonnes)

Year	Consumption
1984-85	1263·5
1985-86	1241·8

Fall in production of Wheat in Punjab

1664. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any fall in the production of wheat and other agricultural products in Punjab during the last three years on account of disturbed conditions there;

(b) whether the Central Government have made any assessment in this regard: and

(c) what steps Government have taken to maintain buffer stock of wheat ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Production of wheat and rice, the two principal crops grown in the State, have been showing substantial increases during the successive years. The production of wheat at 109.9 lakh tonnes and that of rice at 54.5 lakh tonnes during 1985-86 was an all time record for the State.

(c) The Government have adequate stocks of wheat as per the requirements under buffer stocking policy.

Development of Areas in Uttar Pradesh

1665. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT being pleased to state :

(a) the names of parts of Uttar Pradesh which have been declared as hilly and inaccessible areas and what progress has been made in the development of these areas; and